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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO office action

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 13, 1995, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An athletic shoe comprising an upper for wearing about a user's foot, a sole mounter to the upper, said sole having a forefoot portion and a heel portion, said heel portion having a bottom surface at least partially bounded by a peripheral rim, a lasting